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SUBJ: ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT ROLE AS VANGUARD IN
DECOLONIZATION PROCESS

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1. PORTUGUESE TELEVISION EVENING AUGUST 26 CARRIED INTERVIEW
APPARENTLY FILMED FEW WEEKS AGO IN BISSAU WITH FOUR LEADERS
LOCAL ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM).

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2. AFM MEMBERS CLAIMED OFFICERS IN BISSAU HAD BEEN IN

VANGUARD OF DECOLONIZATION PROCESS WITH RESPECT TO GUINEA. THEY ALLEGED THAT ON BREAKDOWN OF FIRST ROUND OF ALGIERS TALKS AFM MET THROUGHOUT GUINEA, TOOK VOTE, AND RESOLVED TO FORCE ACCELERATION OF DECLONIZATION OF TERRITORY. THEY PASSED RESOLUTION URGING GOP IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND ITS RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE.

3. AFM SPOKESMAN IMPLIED THAT THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERCOMING UNNAMED OBSTACLES ON PORTUGUESE SIDE HOLDING UP TALKS (PRESUMABLY SPINOLA AND HIS INSISTENCE ON REFERENDUM). THEY STATED THAT THEIR ACTIONS ALSO CONVINCED PAIGC THAT GOP SERIOUS ABOUT LEAVING COLONY (IMPLYING THAT THEIR REFUSAL TO FIGHT FORCED GOP HAND).

4. SAME SPOKESMEN SUGGESTED AFM IN OTHER AFRICAN COLONIES SHOULD PLAY IDENTICAL ROLE AND PLACE SELVES IN VANGUARD OF DECOLONIZATION. PULL OUT MENTIONED IN REFTEL COULD CONCEIVABLY REFLECT REPEAT OF WHAT OCCURRED IN GUINEA-BISSAU, WITH TROOPS REFUSING TO FIGHT ENEMY IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. POST

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